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I am sending you for your guidance in connection with your meeting with Senator Johnson, copies of the most recent communications between the President and Congress.

We have just had a talk about your meeting tomorrow, in the D&G Executive Committee, and the following points represent the most useful guidance for that discussion:

1. For the moment, we should continue on a present course, which is to get Soviet assurances the West's will be withdrawn in a limited period in return for which we would be prepared to lift our restrictions.

We would much prefer to settle the business question before going on to other matters.

2. The President will be having a press conference on Tuesday. He should point out to reporters the difficult position in which the President will find himself if he has to formulate a public statement to the American people in the absence of Soviet agreement to get the bombers out of Cuba.

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From J. W. M.

United States Mission to the United Nations,
770 U.S. Plaza,
New York, New York.

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5. The letter which Adm. Stevenson might be sent to Baranov is an admirably clear statement of the U.S. position and you may want me to reproduce it in your discretion. He goes over it here, and does a little editing which is reflected in the copy I am attaching to this for your convenience. However, we would be well kept to await the results of your Sunday meeting with Baranov, and the Soviet reply on the Island's before writing Baranov a formal bargaining letter.

6. Look with great care, and let me know as soon as you can of any drift you perceive in the Soviet position, particularly on the Island's.

With many regards,

Morley.

James Frank

Copy to: Adm. Stevenson

10:00 AM

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Dear John:

I am sending you for your guidance in connection with your meeting with Kuznetsov tomorrow, copies of the most recent communications between the President and Khrushchev.

We have just had a talk about your meeting tomorrow, in the NSC Executive Committee, and the following points represent the most useful guidance for that discussion.

1. For the moment, we should continue on the present course, which is to get Soviet assurances that the IL-28's will be withdrawn in a limited period of time in return for which we would be prepared to lift the quarantine.

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we would much prefer to settle the bomber-quarantine deal before going on to other matters.

2. The President will be having a press conference on Tuesday. You should point out to Kuznetsov the difficult position in which the President will find himself if he has to formulate a public statement to the American people in the absence of Soviet agreement to get the bombers out of Cuba.

The Honorable
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5. The letter which Adlai Stevenson suggested might be sent to Khrushchev is an admirably clear statement of the U.S. position and you may want to use the substance of its in your discussion. We have gone over it here and done a little editing which is reflected in the copy I am attaching to this [?] for your convenience. However, we think it would be best to await the results of your Sunday walking and talking with Kuznetsov, and the Soviet reply on the IL-28's before writing Kuznetsov a formal bargaining letter.

Good luck with your talk, and let me know as soon as you can of any shift you perceive in the Soviet position, particularly on the IL-28's.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Dean Rusk